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FROM

The Royall Priſoner at *Windſor*, to the Kingdome of *Scotland*; And His Majeſties Reſolution, concerning the Ordnance and Impeachment of High Treaſon, againſt His Royal Perſon, by the Parliament and Army, and His Majeſties Speech and Prayer, upon receipt of the Intelligence, of their chuſing Commiſſioners, for bringing Him to a ſpeedy Tryall.

Dated from Windſor *the* 3. *of* January, 1648.

Liknwiſe, a Declaration from *Glouceſter-ſhire*, *Worceſter-ſhire*, and *Hereford-ſhire*, concerning the *King*, and His Tryall; And a Declaration of the Miniſters of *Lancaſhire*, touching his Majeſty, and the Army; Delivered in their Pulpits to their ſeverall Congregations.

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From the Royall prisoner at

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The Kingdom of Scotland, concerning the dangerous proceedings of the Lord Gen: *Fairfax* and the Army against his Majesties person.

Right Honorable,

HIs Majesty hath received intelligence from Westminster, that the Generall Councell of the Army are resolved to bring him to a speedy tryall, and to that, have drawn up the Bill of Attainder and Charge against him, for prosecuting the same; all which his Majesty doth very ill resent; for, (with a sad and melancholy heart, and

and tears trickling down his ſacred cheekes) he ſaith, That his conſcience begins to dictate ſad and diſmall apprehenſions to his memory, and that he much feareth, the Clouds begin to gather to a head, for the eclipſing and evacuating the ſplendor and glory of his dayes: However, hee hath made his peace with God, and is reſolved to undergoe the croſſe and afflictions of this tranſitory life, be it with loſſe of Life, or Imprisonment.

Yeſterday by another expreſſe from *London*, the King received a further confirmation of the proceedings of the Lords, Commons, and his Excellency, touching the Ordinance of attainder, for impeaching him of high treaſon, who after receipt thereof, betook himſelf to private meditation, and as it is ſaid, beſought the Lord in prayer, for the ſpace of two hours, humbly imploring his ſad and miſerable condition, and deſiring of the Lord, to inſpire his heart with wiſdom and underſtanding, and to inable him to ſtand firm in the preſence of all thoſe, who are now acting and contriving things of ſo great conſequence againſt him, and alſo, that he may have both power and knowledge, to anſwer to all the objections, clauſes and particulars, which ſhall be exhibited againſt him.

Which done, his Majeſty withdrew from his privy chambed, and took a walk upon the Territs of the Caſtle, who fixing his eyes towards *London*, was ſeene to lay his hand upon his breaſt, uttering many ſad and mournfull expreſſions.

His Majeſty hath had ſome conference with one Mr. *Sanders*, who intimates, that he deſireth to heare his Charge, and to be brought to a ſpeedy tryall.

We hear that the Royall priſoner Duke *Hamilton* hath ſent a meſſage to *Scotland*, purporting the affairs of *England*

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between King, Parliament, and Army: the rest of the Royall party begins to bewayl their sad and deplorable conditions, and some have vowed, that if once they could escape this present Net of Justice, they would enter into protestation, never to incur the like penalty for the future.

Windsor 3 Jan. 1648.

Jan. the third, The Commons communicated the Ordinance (for tryall of the *King*) to the house of Peers for their concurrence, which was assented to. And for the better confirmation of the present tryall, and foundation thereof, and prevention of the like for the future, the House declared, *viz. Resolved*, That the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament do declare, and adjudge, That by the fundamentall Laws of this Realm, it is treason in the Kings of *England* for the time to come, to levy Warre against the Parliament and Kingdom of *England*.

The Commons appointed to consider of drawing up of a charge against, and consider of the manner of the Tryall of his Majesty, reported an Ordinance this day to the house, for attainting him of high Treason, and for trying him by such Commissioners as should be nominated in the body of the said Ordinance.

The house having read it the first time ordered to have it read again to morrow morning at ten a clock. The charge runs thus, *That Charles Stewart hath acted contrary to his trust, in departing from the Parliament setting up his Standard making warr against them, and thereby been occasion of much blood, and misery to the people, whom he was set over for good. That he gave Commissions to Irish Rebells, &c. and since was occasion of a second warr, &c. besides what done contrary to the Liberties of the Subject, and tending to the destruction of the Fundamentall Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom, &c.*

The Bill of Attainder runs high against his person, charging him with high treason: His tryall will be at Westminster, and his Majesty is expected to be there on *Munday* next.

The further resolution of the Army touching the King.

His Excellency and the General Councell of the Army have fully resolved upon their debates, touching the tryal of the King, and are resolved to bring him to a present tryal, the manner of it is as followeth, *viz.* 6 Lords, forty Commons, and ten Colonels, Lieutenant colonels, and Majors, who are to receive Instructions (as Commissioners) for managing and prosecuting of the Bills of Attainder and Impeachment against the person of the King; and are resolved to establish and confirme a true and lasting Government within this Kingdome, and that the best they can imagine for a Common-wealth, which containeth these particulars, *viz.*

1 The Magistrate to have power in things civill and naturall. 2 The Subject to be free, submitting to the Civill Lawes. 3 No toleration for Popery nor Prelacy. 4 None to be forced to fight in War against their will, &c.

And the Generall Councell have further resolved and declared, That the Parliament shall not proceed against any persons to give Judgment, but according to what is Law, Reason, and Equity.

And for the better facilitating and establishing of a true and lasting peace within this Nation, the Generall Councel of the Army have passed the remaining part of the Articles for an Agreement of the People, and are determined speedily to consider of a forme of conclusion and subscription to this Agreement as to the Officers of the Army.

Summons are also sent to the Prince of *Wales*, and the Duke of *York*, to require their present appearance, and to desist from their Engagement, in acting against this Kingdom, and involving their place of Nativity in another bloudy and intestine War, and a day is prefixed, for their return, that in

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case they refuse to yeeld obedience to the said Summons, then to be declared against as Enemies to the peace of this Kingdom, and to be degraded of all Titles and Honours, belonging to either of them.

Yet notwithstanding, we have one precious Flower and Blossome to fix our eyes upon, *viz.* the Duke of Gloucester, (the Kings youngest Son) who in all probability, will speedily be advanced to great Honours and Dignities, to the great admiration of the whole Kingdom.

Yesterday the Committee reported the Ordinance of Attainder against *Charles Stuart*, and the names of such Commissioners as should try him, which are, the Earl of *Denbigh*, Earl of *Pembroke*, E. of *Kent*, E of *Mulgrave*, E. of *Nottingham*, and Lord *Grey* of *Wark*.

Of the Houle of Commons, the Lord *Munson*, L. *Lisle*, L. *Grey* of *Groby*, Lieu. Gen. *Crumwell*, M. G. *Skippon*, Com. Gen: *Ireton*, Sir *Henry Mildmay*, Sir *John Danvers*, Col. *Walton*, Col: *Moor*, Col: *Boswell*, Col: *Rossiter*, Col: *Ven*, Col: *Thorney*, Col: *Lassels*, and about 30 Members more.

Of the Army that are not members of the House of *Commons*, the L. Gen. *Fairfax*, Col: *Whalley*, Col: *Rich*, Col: *Waller*, Col: *Tomlinson*, col: *Scroop*, Col: *Sanders*, Col: *Pride*, col: *Twisleton* Col: *Huson*, Col: *Barkstead*, Col: *Horton*, Col: *Desborough*, Col: *Dean*, and Col: *Okey*.

Of the City of *London*, Alderman *Pennington*, Alderman *Woollaston*, Ald: *Pooks*, Ald: *Gibbs*, and Alderman *Andrews*.

The Judges are, the Lord chief Justice *Rolls*, chief Justice of *England*, Justice St. *John*, Lord chief Justice of the Common-pleas, and Lord chief Baron *Wild*. And two out of all the 40 Counties throughout the Kingdom, all which commissioners, who are to sit as a Jury, are to consist of 150,

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and any 40 of them are to be a Committee for tryall of the King, and to give sentence against him. By this Ordinance the Commissioners are limited to a moneths time, to make a finall determination of the businesse, the place of tryall is said to be at Westminster.

A message is said to be sent from the Parliament, to the severall Counties of the Kingdom of *England*, concerning the tryall of the *King*, for satisfaction of the people.

Letters this day from severall Counties in the West of *England* purports, That the Knights, Gentry, and Commonalty of Glocester-shire, Somerset-shire, Hereford-shire, and Worcester-shire, have declared their unanimous resolutions to comply with the Army, for the setling of the peace of this bleeding and distracted kingdom, and executing of speedy and impartiall Justice upon the grand Delinquents of this kingdome, and that all of them may bee brought to a speedy tryall, to answer to their Charge and Impeachment exhibited against them.

But from the North letters say, That the Clergy in those parts cannot relcent the proceedings in the South, especially the Black-coats of *Lancashire*, who doe openly declare in Pulpit to their severall Congregations, That the wayes of the army are inconsistent with the word of God, and that their Designs tends to nothing more, then the subversion of Religion, Government, and Law; But some of the Grandees are silenced, and taken into custody by the well affected of that County.

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